

CITY OF MENASHA
Parks and Recreation Board
Virtual Meeting
April 13, 2021
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chr. Dick Sturm at 6:00pm.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chr. Dick Sturm, Brian Adesso, Rachael Dowling, Ald. Ted Grade, Tim Hale, Lisa Hopwood, Tom Marshall

GUESTS PRESENT: Sean Murray (TDS Metrocom), Ald. Rebecca Nichols, Jon Gumtow (Stantec)

OTHERS PRESENT: PRD Megan Sackett, DPW/P Superintendent Travis MacDonald, AA Lori Walbrun

C. PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

D. MINUTES TO APPROVE

1. **Minutes of the March 23, 2021 Park Board Meeting:** Moved by Ald. T. Grade, seconded by T. Hale to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 Park Board meeting. Motion carried.

E. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. **Placement of a Node at Clovis Grove Park:** Sean Murray from TDS was on hand to explain the burying of fiber optics in the City, with five nodes placed within Menasha. After much discussion, it was determined by the Board that the preference would be to not voluntarily have the node in a park area and asked if TDS could explore other options. Board would be willing to discuss if another suitable area cannot be located. Chr. Sturm moved that at this time, it is undesirable to have the node located in Clovis Grove Park, seconded by Ald. Grade with B. Adesso abstaining. Motion carried.
2. **Placement of Floats at Menasha Marina:** Harbormaster Diane Schabach was approached by someone asking to utilize a slip for harboring jet skis, which would require a special float. The float would accommodate one or two jet skis, while remaining in one slip area. The price of purchasing the float, along with the installation and associated maintenance costs would be the responsibility of the jet ski owner and the float would remain his property if he chooses to not renew a lease contract. Chr. Sturm made a motion to approve the installation of the float system, seconded by T. Hale. Motion carried.
3. **Lawson Canal Draft Concept Plan/Accept Park Board Resolution R-1-21:** Ald. Ted Grade made a motion to move the resolution forward to the Common Council, seconded by T. Marshall. Motion carried.

F. REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEAD / STAFF

1. **Department Report**

PRD Sackett reported on the following:

- Lawson Canal update
- Activity guide is online – sent to printer. Other programs will be marketed on social media. Programs still operating with safety modifications in place.
- Hart Park discussion and programming, the neighborhood group has been active, gathering quotes for a camera system
- Working on seasonal hiring
- The goal is to re-open the Senior Center by mid-May with a phased-in plan.
- Announced that Chloe Hansen-Dunn is the new Recreation and Senior Services Manager

2. **Park, Pool and Forestry Report**

P/PW Superintendent MacDonald reported on:

- Parks and restrooms will open the last weekend of April
- 3 of 4 seasonal guys have started work
- Diamonds at Jefferson and Koslo were sprayed
- 135 trees will be planted as part of spring planting, including those planted as part of the Arbor Day celebration
- Mulching is complete downtown and at Calder Stadium
- Dumpster placed at Marina
- Signs at the Conservancy and Memorial Building were installed
- Have hired or invited back 5 summer help, looking for a 6th.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by L. Hopwood, seconded by T. Hale to adjourn at 7:28pm. Motion carried.

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